

SSB 5734 - H AMD 706

By Representative Anderson

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1 On page 2, after line 13 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

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4 "(5) (a) For purposes of the implementation of tuition guarantee
5 policies of this section and beginning in the 2009-10 academic year,
6 the governing boards of the state universities, regional universities,
7 and the Evergreen State College shall identify high employer demand
8 programs of study offered at each of their respective institutions.
9 The state board for community and technical colleges shall identify
10 high employer demand programs of study for the community and technical
11 colleges.

12 (b) Academic year tuition for students enrolled full time in a
13 high employer demand program of study shall remain at the same level
14 as at the time of the student's admission into such a high employer
15 demand program for two consecutive academic years or until the student
16 is no longer enrolled in such a program. Guaranteed tuition fees may
17 be extended for up to one additional academic year for high employer
18 demand programs of study that encourage students to receive a double
19 major or for which the published credits required for the degree
20 exceeds one hundred eighty quarter or one hundred twenty semester
21 credits at the state universities, regional universities, and the
22 Evergreen State College and ninety quarter credits at community and
23 technical colleges. Community and technical colleges are not eligible
24 for tuition guarantee extensions.

25 (c) Students who major in a high employer demand program of study
26 and receive a reduced tuition rate, but do not attain a degree in the
27 high employer demand program of study, incur an obligation to repay

1 the difference between the actual tuition fees the student paid and
2 the tuition fees the student would have paid had the student not
3 participated in the tuition guarantee program described in this
4 section. The governing boards of each of the public institutions of
5 higher education are responsible for collection of repayments made
6 under this subsection and shall exercise due diligence in such
7 collection, maintaining all necessary records to ensure maximum
8 repayments are made."

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10 On page 2, at the beginning of line 14, strike "(5)" and insert
11 "~~((5))~~(6)"

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13 On page 2, at the beginning of line 17, strike "(6)" and insert
14 "~~((6))~~(7)"

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16 On page 2, at the beginning of line 20, strike "(7)" and insert
17 "~~((7))~~(8)"

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19 On page 2, at the beginning of line 24, strike "(8)" and insert
20 "~~((8))~~(9)"

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22 On page 2, at the beginning of line 29, strike "(9)" and insert
23 "~~((9))~~(10)"

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EFFECT: Requires the public four-year institutions to guarantee tuition at the same rate for two consecutive years from the students' initial admission into high employer demand programs of study. Exceptions are made for programs, offered at four-year institutions, which encourage students to double major or those that are longer than average in length. Requires the governing boards of the four-year institutions and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to identify high employer demand programs of study.

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